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COAL MINERS NEEDED;  
EMPLOYEES RELEASED FOR PRODUCTIVE LABOR

COAL MINES NEED NEW MEN -- Lidove Demokracie, No 65, 18 Mar 49

Czechoslovakia's coal mines require 2,500 new workers each year to replace those retiring from work. The drive for workers in 1948-49 met with an incredibly poor response.

Despite the fact that 20,000 long-term brigade workers help out in the mines each year, they cannot replace experienced miners; in fact, it seems that they cannot be counted on.

Mining apprentices have a good life. They are boarded in convenient dormitories, fed on massé, and supplied with a work-suit each. In the near future, rubber shoes and flannel trousers will be unrationed to them. Mining apprentices receive 480-500 crowns pocket money monthly in the first year, with bonuses which may be as high as 500 crowns monthly. The apprentice can thereby learn to save money.

Lidove Noviny, No 65, 18 Mar 49

At present, the age limit for miners is between 42 and 45 years, which intensifies the importance of the problem of arousing interest in mining as a profession among young people. Last year's recruitment was unsuccessful. Instead of the expected 2,200 apprentices, only 1,600 applied.

EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO PRODUCTIVE WORK -- Rude Pravo, No 60, 12 Mar 49

The Justice Administration has released 573 employees in the Czech Provinces for productive labor, which was 10 more than their quota which was to be fulfilled by 15 March. A number of employees, including 19 employees of the courts under the jurisdiction of the Kraj Court in Karlovy Vary, volunteered for productive labor.

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PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN IN FOOD INDUSTRY -- Svoobodne Slovo, No 63, 16 Mar 49

Today, women constitute 68 percent of the working force in the candy and chocolate industry, and a full 75 percent in the production of natural mineral waters. The fish industry has 65 percent women, the fruit and vegetable industry 61 percent, and the tobacco industry 60 percent.

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